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MEMORANDUM

February 1, 2019

To: Committee Members

Fr: Majority Staff

Re: Hearing on "H.R. 1: Strengthening Ethics Rules for the Executive Branch"

On <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>February 6</u>, <u>2019</u>, <u>at 10:00 am</u>, <u>in room 2154 of the Rayburn House</u> <u>Office Building</u>, the Committee will hold a hearing on H.R.1, the For the People Act.

I. BACKGROUND

H.R. 1 was introduced by Rep. John Sarbanes on January 3, 2019. The bill includes a package of reforms to clean up corruption, fight big money in politics, and make it easier for American citizens to vote. The bill has 227 cosponsors and is endorsed by more than 65 organizations.

II. HEARING PURPOSE

The hearing will examine the proposals in H.R. 1 in the Committee's jurisdiction, including Title VIII of the bill, the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act, and the Election Day Holiday Act.

III. WITNESSES

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